Great Bookham School Newsletter Issue 5 2026/2027

Dear Parents and Carers,

The penultimate week of this half term proved to be one of our busiest, with an array of exciting school trips and whole-school events taking place.

A group of our Year 6 pupils started the week by attending Sports Crew training at Guildford Spectrum. Their training has equipped our Sports Crew with the skills and confidence to lead playground games and physical activities for younger pupils, assist with sporting events and play an important role in supporting occasions such as Sports Day. They were all very excited to return to school with a special Sports Crew t-shirt and their bronze pin badges. We look forward to seeing them put their leadership skills into action across the school in the coming months and work towards achieving their silver and gold awards.

I was so proud of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children who confidently performed a selection of catchy songs and shared some of their beautiful artwork with parents and family members in a very special Harvest performance. The children sang beautifully and said their lines clearly. It is incredible to think that our Reception children had only been in school for 21 school days and were able to learn their songs and sing with such enthusiasm. Thank you to all of the staff who worked so hard to prepare the children and bring the performances together. We would also like to thank all parents, carers and family members who attended and supported the event, as well as those who generously donated items for the Cobham Food Bank. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated.

Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating visit to Hampton Court Palace on Tuesday as part of their learning about the Tudors. The children immersed themselves in Tudor life, exploring the history, culture and experiences of people who lived during this remarkable period. The weather was kind, allowing them to make the most of a picnic lunch in the palace grounds. Thank you to the Year 5 team and our parent volunteers for making the trip such a success.

Year 3 travelled to Butser Ancient Farm to deepen their understanding of the Bronze and Iron Ages. Although the weather was considerably wetter, it certainly did not dampen spirits. The children had a fantastic day exploring how people lived in prehistoric Britain and enjoyed a range of hands-on experiences that brought their classroom learning to life. Thank you to the Year 3 team and the parent helpers who supported this valuable learning opportunity.

This week was NSPCC Kindness Week and children took part in a variety of activities designed to promote compassion, friendship and positive relationships. Each child was given daily secret kindness missions to encourage thoughtful acts around the school. Some children took part in mindful activities, such as painting kindness pebbles, while others made friendship bracelets or crowns. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors brought smiles to staff faces as they toured the school with the wellbeing trolley, delivering tasty treats and leaving happy messages. They were also responsible for organising and delivering post from our kindness post box and it was wonderful to see children receive kind notes that had been sent to them. A huge thank you to Miss Fanthorpe and our Wellbeing Ambassadors for organising such a thoughtful week.

On Friday afternoon, children from our school choir attended the South Farnham Educational Trust SCITT Graduation Ceremony at Guildford Cathedral. The children sang alongside choirs from other schools within our Trust and represented our school with great pride. The event is a special occasion celebrating hundreds of newly qualified teachers who have trained to teach with our Trust. I was immensely proud watching our children sing in such an incredible space and with such confidence. Thank you to Miss David for preparing the children so well.

We ended the week with our Year 5 and Year 6 cross-country runners once again taking part in the final cross-country race of the season at King George V Playing Fields. Well done to all of our runners for their determination and perseverance. It is always wonderful to see the teamwork shown by our children as they cheer one another on and represent the school so positively.

I am looking forward to welcoming you all to school this week for parent consultations and the final week of this half term.

Miss Allen

Headteacher

Stars of the week

Our stars for this week are:

Bumblebees	**Lily & Vienna**
Honeybees	**Erin & Louis**
Dragonflies	**Zachary & Evalyn**
Foxes	**Zac & Katie**
Squirrels	**Ava & Willow**
Hedgehogs	**Sophie & Evelyn**
Rabbits	**Maisie & Isabella May**
Eagles	**Harry & Rosie**
Hawks	**Tommy & Olive**
Falcons	**Flynn & Sasha**
Kestrels	**Henry & Katie**

Attendance

Congratulations to Eagles for winning the attendance certificate this week with 99.7% attendance!

MAC the attendance bear will visit their classrooms next week.



Attendance reminder

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Parking Reminder for Parents and Carers

We continue to experience ongoing challenges with parking around the school, and we have recently received several complaints from our local community, Bookham Library and from patients at Fairfield Medical Centre. These concerns relate to some GBS parents parking inconsiderately, as well as using the surgery car park, which is not permitted.

Please can we kindly ask all parents and carers to:

- Park considerately and ensure driveways, pavements and access points are kept clear.
- Do not park in the surgery car park at all times.
- Walk to school where possible, or use a *park and stride* approach by arriving a little earlier and parking further away.
- Refrain from parking in front of the Griffin Way entrance gates, as this forces families to walk in the road, creating a dangerous situation for our children.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us keep all members of our school community safe.

Class Assembly Dates - 9am start

16th October - Kestrels

12th February - Hedgehogs

5th March - Falcons

12th March - Eagles

16th April - Squirrels

23rd April - Dragonflies

30th April - Foxes

7th May - Rabbits

28th May - Hawks

11th June - Bumblebees

18th June - Honeybees

25th June - Butterflies

9th July - Ladybirds

Important Dates



OCTOBER

13th – Yr4 Fishbourne Roman Palace trip

14th – Yr6 Natural History Museum trip

14th – Yr 5 Tudor day

16th – Kestrels class assembly

16th – Last day of half term

19th - 30th Autumn half term

NOVEMBER

2nd - Back to school

9th - EYFS Owl workshop

13th – Children in Need

16th - Odd sock day

16th - 20th—Anti Bullying Week

17th – Yr1 History WOW day

27th – Show & Share open afternoon

DECEMBER

1st – EYFS Christmas performance

4th – EYFS Christmas performance

8th - KS2 Christingle performance at 9.30AM (Mars & Venus)

8th - KS2 Christingle performance at 11AM (Neptune & Saturn)

8th - KS2 Christingle performance at 6.30PM (Neptune & Saturn)

9th - KS2 Christingle performance at 6.30PM (Venus & Mars)

9th – Yr 1 & 2 Christmas performance

11th – Yr 1 & 2 Christmas performance

10th - Christmas jumper day

15th – Yr 5 European Christmas day

18th - Last day of term (No Puffins)

JANUARY

4th - Back to school

18th - Young voices at o2

19th & 20th - Yr 4 Bikeability

28th - Little City for Preschool & EYFS

FEBRUARY

5th - Show & Share open afternoon

10th – Yr 3 Egyptian Day

12th – Hedgehogs class assembly

12th – last day of half term

15th-19th - Half term

22nd - Back to school

26th – Cross country Yr3/4

MARCH

2nd – Yr 2 parent stay and play – scrap heap challenge

4th – Primary singing festival at Dorking Halls

5th – Falcons class assembly

10th—Yr4 trip to Look out discovery centre

12th – Cross country Yr5/6

12th – Eagles class assembly

19th – Red Nose Day

19th – Year 2 WOW day – Great fire of London

19th – Cross Country Yr 3/4

23rd – Class Photos

23rd – Parents evening

24th – Easter service at St Nicholas Church

24th – Parents evening

25th - Last day of Spring term (No Puffins)

26th - Easter bank holiday

APRIL

12th - Back to school

16th – Squirrels class assembly

19th & 20th - Yr4 Residential to Henley Fort

21st – Yr2 ELP Music festival

23rd - Dragonflies class assembly

30th – Foxes class assembly

MAY

3rd - Bank holiday

7th – Rabbits class assembly

10th - 13th - KS2 SATs

12th—Yr2 trip to Shah Jahan Mosque

17th- 21st – KS1 SATs

21st – Show and share open afternoon

25th-28th - Yr6 Residential to Lower Grange Farm

28th – Hawks class assembly

28th - Last day of half term

JUNE

7th - Back to school

9th—Yr1 trip to Wisley gardens

9th – Yr2 Painting with Parents

9th-11th—Yr5 Residential to Hooke Court

11th – Bumblebees class assembly

18th – Honeybees class assembly

25th – Butterflies class assembly

30th– Bump up day

JULY

2nd —Junior Theatre production

5th – 9th – Year 6 Bikeability

9th – Ladybirds class assembly

9th – Show and share open afternoon

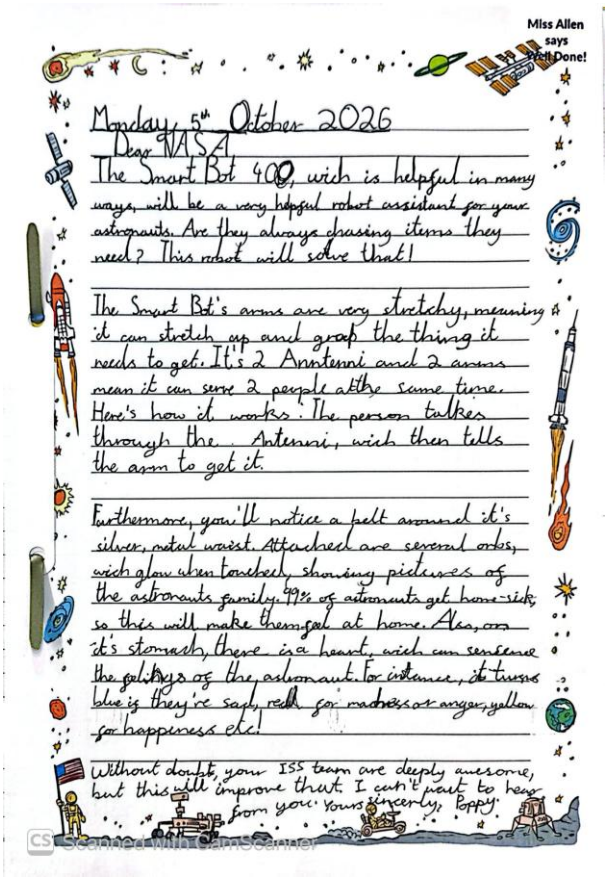
13th – Yr2 Summer show

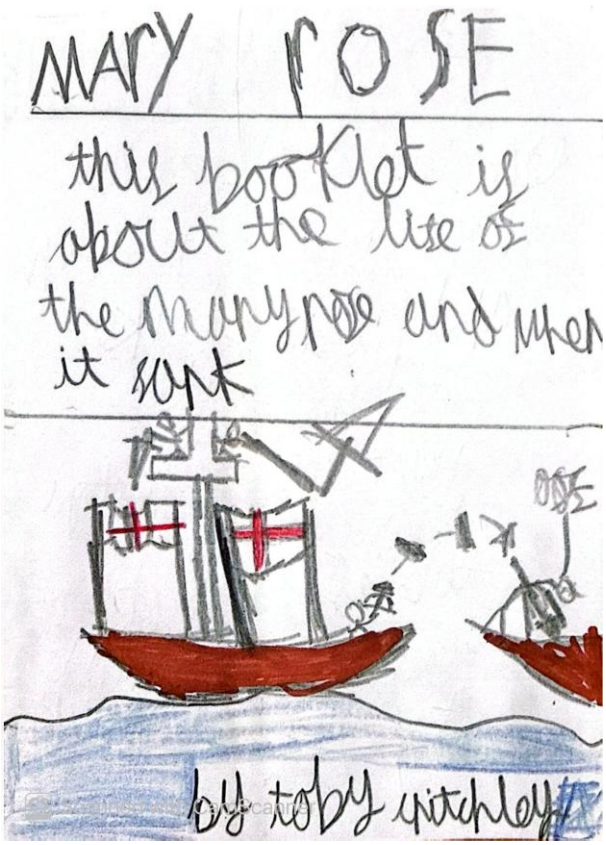
14th – Volunteer tea party

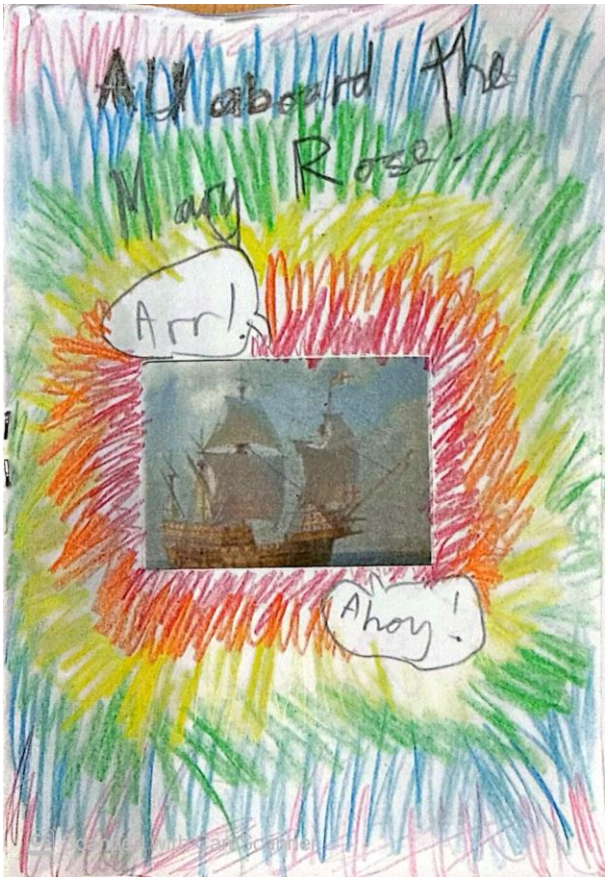
23rd– Last day of term

GREAT BOOKHAM SCHOOL

Headteacher Awards






Arr!
Ahoy!

Healthy teeth

Teeth decay

To keep your teeth healthy you can eat healthy good and brush your teeth twice a day.



NO TEETH DECAY

Don't drink Bad drinks and don't eat bad food. Its ok if you have some sugar but not a lot.

Kep your teeth healthy





Visit the dentist So they can check if you have good teeth or if yo have tooth decay

HEALTY TEETH

LOOK AFTER YOUR TEETH

Teeth decay X

healthy teeth ✓

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teeth decay

Miss Allen says Well Done!

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healthy teeth

PERFECT TEETH



keep your teeth clean

For a Great Day

Keep away Cavities

Slow down on sugar





Cavities are very nasty and if you follow these instructions you will have clean teeth. First wake up straight and brush your teeth then eat your breakfast after that have your day and brush your teeth at evening and sleep.

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Done!
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HOW TO KEEP YOUR TEETH DAZILING



The message is how to keep your teeth healthy and tidy.

This is for children who need clean, sparkling teeth.

Here are some toptips

- ☑ brush your teeth twice a day.
- ☑ eat your goodys.
- ☑ make sure to visit the dentest.
- ☑ mak sure to gloss to get the bactria.
- ☑ and keep your teeth nice and strong.

Here are some jokes? What time do you go to the dentist? tooth hurty!















A tooth decay is really bad for you. It hurts a lot.

This is the inside of your tooth.

Make sure you brush your teeth for 2 mins

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The Mary Rose.



1512 - 1545

by: Thomas gerrard.

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Wednesday 7th October 2026
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Miss Allen
says
Well Done!

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Wednesday 7th October 2026
LO: To retell a known story.

Miss Allen says Well Done!

Little red went to see her grandma with her basket of tasty treats but grandma looked weird. Little red saw grandma in her chinese bed. IHP She had stabby claws and sharp teeth. Her ears were big and her eyes were red. Little red said she felt sad. Incredible Leo! It was a blood-thirsty wolf Little red felt sad and ran back home. She never saw the blood-rsty wolf again.

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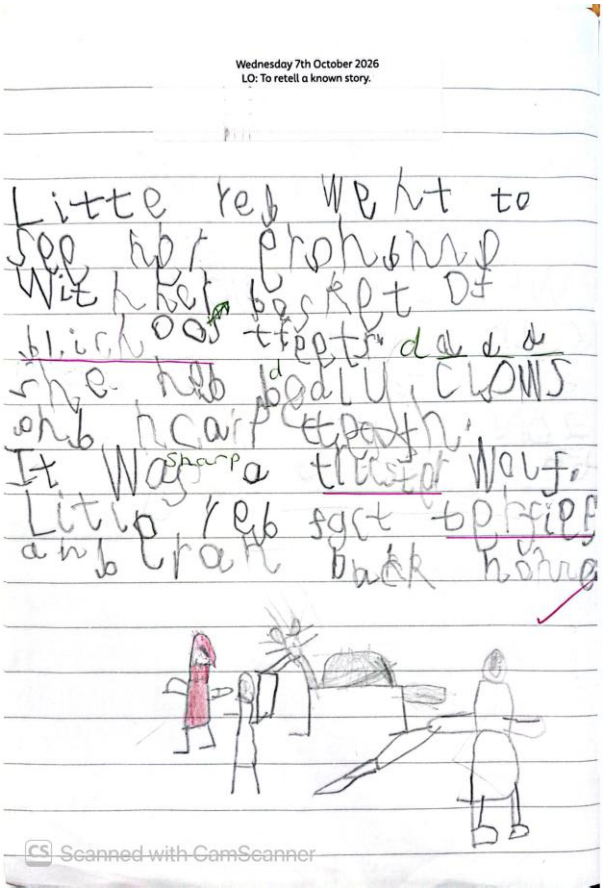
Wednesday 7th October 2026
LO: To retell a known story.

Miss Allen says Well Done!

Little red went to see her grandma with her basket of tasty treats but grandma looked weird. weird She had sharp claws and pointy teeth. Her ears were stabby and her eyes were green. Little red said she felt happy. It was a angry wolf. Little red felt scared and ran back home. She never saw the scary wolf again.



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Poppy in Year 5 wrote an excellent letter to NASA to persuade them to consider buying her space invention.

George and Cecily in Year 2 were role models for their friends in the infants during our Harvest dress rehearsal. They sang beautifully and delivered their lines with great confidence.

Isaac, Louie and Luke in Year 1 were incredibly helpful during tidy-up time at the end of lunch. They looked after our school field by making sure all the play equipment was put away and water bottles were collected.

Cole, Toby and Thomas in Year 5 all produced excellent examples of an information booklet about the Mary Rose.

Freya, Maddie and Edward used the knowledge they have learned in science this half term to create fantastic posters about the importance of keeping our teeth clean and healthy.

Amaia, Leo, Jessie and Isaac in Year 1 worked incredibly hard to produce writing based on the story *Little Red Riding Hood*. I was so impressed by their thoughtful use of adjectives.

Friends of Great Bookham School

🙌 **Can you lend a hand?** We're a small PTA team, and even an hour makes a difference. Email us or message your class rep if you can help at these events. We're also forming a festive committee to help make Christmas magical for the children—get in touch if you'd like to join!

Community and Local Events



Great Bookham School is at the centre of a wonderful community and we are keen to support local events. Many children are members of clubs, associations and take part in activities outside of school.

Please click here to visit our community and local event page on the school website. Some of the information you will find include:

Stagecoach lesson in Bookham and Leatherhead

1st Bookham Beavers and Cubs who both have spaces

Weekly groups for babies - toddlers

Swimming lessons

SEND Families meet up

Bookham Tennis Club

Aerial Tumbling Club

London TKD

Your Space Therapies

Decreasing depression

Leatherhead Girls cricket

Colin Bull Swimming lessons

Bookham Colts Girls Wildcat Programme

Bus Stop Forest School October half term Stay and Play

Mole Valley Girls taining sessions

YMCA 4 week parent support programme

Horsley FC taster session

Girls Golf taster sessions

Yogamoo sessions

Dance Shack

Home start 10 week parenting course